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FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF (OFDA)

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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE: SITREP 8, MARCH 16

REF: BUCHAREST 1772

1. SUMMARY. FIGURE FOR FATALITIES CONTINUES TO RISE
IN BUCHAREST, BUT HAS BEEN REVISED DOWNWARD FOR PROVINCES.
SITUATION REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH, FOOD, UTILITIES,
AND TRANSPORT APPEARS STABLE. POLEXCO HAS DECIDED ON
SUPPLEMENTAL NEW HOUSING PROGRAM FOR BUCHAREST AND
IROCINCES. PRESS IS CARRYING IMPRESSIVE, DAILY LIST
OF ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS,
AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS. END SUMMARY.

2. CASUALTIES
REVISED FIGURES ON EART QUAKE CASUALTIES SHOW TOTAL
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OF 1541 DEAD IN COUNTRY WITH 1391 IN BUCHAREST AND 150
ELSEWHERE (LATTER BEING CORRECTION OF PREVIOUSLY

REPORTED HIGHER TOLL). NUMBER OF INJURED NOW STANDS
AT 11,75 (7,576 IN CAPITAL AGAINST 3,699 ELSEWHERE).
OF THE INJURED 2,368 REMAIN HOSPITALIZED (1,500 IN
BUCHAREST VS 869 IN PROVINCES).

3. PUBLIC HEALTH, FOOD, UTILITIES, TRANSPORT

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, (REPORTED TUESDAY THAT SITUATION WAS GOOD FROM EPIDEMOLOGICAL STANDPOINT. NO INCREASE IN STOMACH AILMENTS HAS BEEN RECORDED, WATER IS REPORTED POTADLE FROM BOTH CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL VIEWPOINTS ALTHOUGH WITH PRONOUNCED CHLORINATED TASTE. SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS CONTINUES TO BE ADEQUATE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ISOLATED REPORT OF BREAD DISTRIBUTION

PROBLEM ON OUTSKIRTS OF CITY. HEAT HAS BEEN RESTORED TO MOST HOUSING ON REDUCED BASIS. DESPITE FOUR UNSPECIFIED GENERATING FACILITIES REPORTED OUT OF SERVICE IN COUNTRY AS WHOLE, ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLS FUNCTIONING WITHOUT OBSERVEDINTERRUPTIONS. REPAIR OF ELECTRONIC SAITCHING HAS CONTRIBUTED TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RAIL SERVICE.

4. GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSE.

GOVERNMENTAL DECREE ENDED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BUCHAREST EFFECTIVE MARCH 15. IN ITS MARCH 14 SESSION POLEXCO MADE FURTHER DECISIONS RELATING TO HOUSING. PROGRAM OF HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

FOR THIS YEAR IS TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL 10,088(IN SELECTED URBAN AREAS (INCLUDING PLOIESTI, CRAIOVA, R

SIORI DE VEDE, ALEXANDRIA, BUZAU, FOCSANI, TIRGOVISTE AND GALAI) AND ANOTHER 10,000 IN VILLAGES AFFECTED BY QUAKE. SPECIAL ARMY TEAM IS TO BE FORMED TO BUILD 5,088 APARTMENTS IN BUCHARESTJM FINANCIAL GUIDELINES WERE ESTABISHED TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT HOUSINR FOR HOME- UNCLASSIFIED

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5. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

UNDP RESREP LEFT DCM WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION ON MARCH 15 THAT, ALTHOUGH RESREP VIEWED COORDINATION OF FOREIGN RELIEF ASSISTANCE AS IGHLY DESIRABLE, HE DID NOT FEEL IN POSITION TO UNDERTAKE THAT COORDINATION. MEANWHILE, OFFERS FROM GOVERNMENTS, GROUPS, AND PRIVATE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE TO FLOW IN. NEW OFFERS INCLUDE:

A. GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE

1. USSR. VALUE OF SOVIET AID REPORTED SEPARATELY (BUCHAREST 1832) IS 10 MILLION RUBLE ACCORDING TO SOVIET EMBASSS.

2. AUSTRIA. 3 MILLION A. SHILLINGS
, PLUS CREATION OF GOVERNMENT

FUND OPEN TO PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. YUGOSLAVIA. 30 NIL
ION DINARS.

4. NORTH KOREA. 1000 TONS OF REINFORCING STEEL.

5. MONGOLIA. 1 MILLION TUGRICI OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, MEAT
PREPARATIONS.

6. PAKISTAN. 1 MILLION RUPEES OF ASSORTED PRODUCTS.

7. BANGLADESH 2200 KG OF TEA

8. SYRIA - ONE MILLION
SYRIAN LIRE OF GRAIN, SUGAR AND OATS

9. SPAIN - 50,0000 DO
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S IN SUGAR, CEREALS, POWDERED MILK.

10. GDR - 21,000 KR OF FOODSTUFFS

B. GROUPS

1. CHINESE RED CROSS 20 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

2. LIBYAN RED CRESCENT: 250,000 DOLS CASH.

3. JAPANESE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: ONE MILLION YEN

4. FINNIS RED CROSS. POWEDERED MILK

5. AUSTRIAN "SAVE THE CHILDREN"(SOCIETY 250,000

A. SHILLINGS FOR SCHOOL LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND STUDENT
HOUSING.

6. DUTCH RED CROSS JA 250,000 DUTCH GUILDER

7. DANISH CHURCH ASSISTANCE. 2.5 MILLION KRONER

8. CITY OF ATHENS; 500,000 DRACHMAE

9. SWISS RED CROSS - 100,000 SWISS FRANCS FROM CANTON OF ZURICH

10. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION - 30,008 DOLS

11. "JOINT" 30,000 DOLS

12. WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS JA 18,000 DOLS

C. PRIVATE COMPANIES. PRESS RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL
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NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FIRMS AND BANKS, PRINCIPALLY
FROM AUSTRIA, GERMANY, FRANCE, AND IRAN. LIST ON MONDAY SHOWED
THAT 1 AUSTRIAN FIRMS HAD GIVEN 1,152,000 A. SHILLINGS,
WHILE ON TUESDAY TWO OTHER FIRMS LISTED AS GIVING 750,000 A.
SHILLINGS. FIVE GERMAN FIRMS OFFERED AMOUNTS RANGING FROM
10,000 DM TO 100,000 DM. TWO FRENCH FIRMS ESTABLISHED INTEREST-
FREE OR LOW-INTEREST CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF GOODS. THREE GREEK
SHIPOWNERS DONATED 40,000 DOLS.
BARNES

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